



PRAYER FOR THE OFS GENERAL CHAPTER 2021

Lord, you called us to animate and guide the fraternities of brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order, teach us to listen to the Gospel that says: “anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave.” *(Mt 20:26-27)*

Do not let us be carried away by the temptations of the vanity of the wisdom of the world and the glory of power.
Teach us to live your gospel in the world in permanent conversion, conforming our feelings to the feelings of Jesus Christ who, “though he was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God, something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a servant, ...” *(Ph 2, 6-7)*

May our glory consist in being workers in the restoration of the Church in the manner of Francis of Assisi, bringing peace to a world wounded by the ambition for power and money, from disdain for life and quarrel, where the power of weapons and unbridled ambition dominate instead of the power of love and selfless service.

Loving and merciful Father, in these challenging times of the covid-19 pandemic which has hit the humanity, we implore you to grant healing to the sick, enlightenment and means to those who care for them, comfort and solace to all those who mourn and eternal life to the Dead.
Instill in the hearts of political leaders compassion and concern for those who are affected in any way and the wisdom to find adequate solutions for the good of all.

May the blessing and protection of our father Saint Francis and our Patron Saints Elizabeth and Louis be well present in our General Chapter, so that our fraternities can be, in the middle of the world, the leaven of authentic evangelical fraternity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!